

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office action dated March 17, 2006. Claims 41-73 are pending in the application. In the Office action, the Examiner required an election of one of the following three species:

Species 1: Figure 1;

Species 2: Figure 5; or

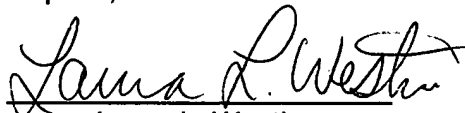
Species 3: Figure 8.

In response, applicants elect Species 1, which is shown in Figure 1. Applicants believe that pending claims 41-46, 48-53, 55-69, 71, and 72 read on Species 1.

Applicants believe that they have responded fully to the Election Requirement. However, if the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact Stan Hollenberg (Reg. No. 47,658) or the undersigned attorney of record, both at 503-224-6655.

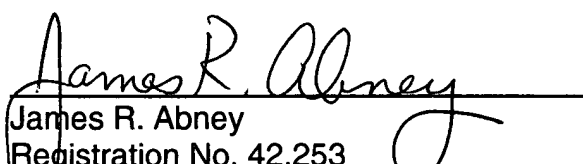
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